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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.55 and the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119, attached hereto is a certified copy of the priority document, Japanese Patent Application No. 11-373997 filed December 28, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that applicant be granted the benefit of the filing date of the foreign application and that receipt of this priority document be acknowledged in due course.

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